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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Kolesnick *et al.*

§ ART UNIT:  
§ 1647

FILED: July 17, 2000

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§ EXAMINER:  
§ Hamud, F.

SERIAL NO.: 09/554,980

FOR: Basic Fibroblast Growth  
Treatment of Sepsis

§ DOCKET:  
§ D6049

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2002  
please enter the following amendments and consider the following  
remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully  
requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method of inhibiting the generation  
of ceramide from sphingomyelin comprising the step of  
administering basic fibroblast growth factor to an animal.